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RESPONSE

Sir:

Applicant requests consideration of the pending claims in the above-identified patent application based on the remarks herein.

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Response

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In response to the Examiner's requirement to elect a single species within Species IB-1, Applicant elects Species IB-1-2: Using NH₃ as the nitrogen-containing gas.

Listing of claims readable on the elected species: Claims 1-14, 16-22, 28-34, 36-38, 42-48, 53-57, 73-77, 80-84, 86-90, 92-98, 100, 103-106, and 112-121.

Generic claims: Claims 1, 5, 8, 73.

Applicant notes that the election of species is solely to facilitate an examination search, and that Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species upon allowance of a generic claim. It is understood that if the claims of the elected species are found allowable over the prior art, the Examiner will expand the search to include other species.